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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, ASEC, TD, US
SUBJECT: TRINIDAD GOVERNMENT'S DISAPPROVAL OF
ASSIGNMENT OF MARINE GUARDS TO EMBASSY

REF: (A) PORT OF SPAIN 0536, (B) STATE 047570

1. HAVE HAD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GERMAN, VENEZUELAN AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS AND BRITISH AND CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONERS REGARDING PLACING OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS IN TRINIDAD. LEARNED THAT THE BRITISH ACTUALLY HAVE TWO OF THEIR OWN SECURITY PEOPLE IN THEIR CHANCERY. THE VENEZUELAN, GERMANS, CANADIANS AND BRITISH ARE IN FAVOR OF OUR HAVING MARINE GUARDS. THE FRENCH DO NOT WISH TO GET INVOLVED. THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDED, AND I CONCURRED, THAT THE WHOLE MATTER BE DROPPED FOR THE TIME BEING. NO JOINT DEMARCHES WERE CONTEMPLATED WITHOUT THE FULL APPROVAL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

2. SUGGEST THE WAY TO FINALLY GET MARINE GUARDS IS TO MAKE A QUID PRO QUO ARRANGEMENT WHEN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WANTS SOMETHING OF SIGNIFICANCE FROM US. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT OUR PERSONNEL HERE ARE ENTITLED TO THE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION OF MARINE GUARDS. THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS VERBALLY HAS STATED (REF A) THAT THE GOTT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO
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OUR HAVING OUR OWN SECURITY PEOPLE BUT INDICATED IT WOULD NOT GIVE APPROVAL FOR THE STATIONING OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AT THIS TIME.

3. JUST LEARNED FROM AMB. BRITTON THAT MARINE GUARD SAVED THE U.S. CHANCERY IN BRIDGETOWN FROM BURNING

DOWN LAST NIGHT.

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